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Applicants : J. Audy et al.  
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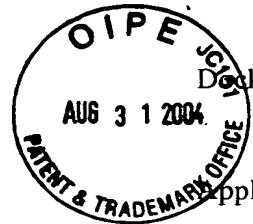
In response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2004, kindly amend the above application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** - there are no amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** - there are no amendments to the drawings.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.



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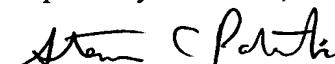
Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. Applicant is a large entity.

Fee for Claims

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
TOTAL	12	21	0	18.00	0.00
INDEP.	3	3	0	86.00	0.00

If any additional fee is required, charge Account No. 11-1580. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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